

eral, declare the same to have reverted to the state, and shall serve a notice thereof, with a copy of the declaration, by registered mail upon the clerk or recorder of the governmental subdivision concerned, provided, that no declaration of reversion shall be made earlier than five years from the date of conveyance for failure to put such land to such use or from the date of abandonment of such use if such lands have been put to such use. The commissioner shall file the original declaration in his office, with verified proof of service as herein required. The governmental subdivision may appeal to the district court of the county in which the land lies by filing with the clerk of court a notice of appeal, specifying the grounds of appeal and the description of the land involved, mailing a copy thereof by registered mail to the commissioner of taxation, and filing a copy thereof for record with the register of deeds or registrar of titles, all within 30 days after the mailing of the notice of reversion. The appeal shall be tried by the court in like manner as a civil action. If no appeal is taken as herein provided, the declaration of reversion shall be final. The commissioner of taxation shall file for record with the register of deeds or registrar of titles, of the county within which the land lies, a certified copy of the declaration of reversion and proof of service.

Any city of the first class now or hereafter having a population of 450,000, or over, or its board of park commissioners, which has acquired tax-forfeited land for a specified public use pursuant to the terms of this section, may convey said land in exchange for other land of substantially equal worth located in said city of the first class, provided that the land conveyed to said city of the first class now or hereafter having a population of 450,000, or over, or its board of park commissioners, in exchange shall be subject to the public use and reversionary provisions of this section; the tax-forfeited land so conveyed shall thereafter be free and discharged from the public use and reversionary provisions of this section, provided that said exchange shall in no way affect the mineral or mineral rights of the State of Minnesota, if any, in the lands so exchanged.

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CHAPTER 349—S. F. No. 332

[Coded]

An act relating to the effect of closing county buildings or offices therein.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota :

Section 1. [373.051] **County buildings; effect of closing on holidays.** Any act authorized, required, or permitted by law or contract to be performed at or in county buildings, or offices therein, which are closed on Saturdays or legal holidays, may be performed on the next succeeding regular business day and no liability or loss of rights on the part of any person shall result from such closing.

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CHAPTER 350—S. F. No. 455

An act relating to sale of lands owned in fee by the state for trunk highway purposes; amending Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 161.061, Subdivision 2.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota :

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 161.061, Subdivision 2, is amended to read :

Subd. 2. **Surplus land.** The governor, in behalf of the state, may, upon recommendation of the commissioner of highways, convey and quitclaim any lands including any improvements thereon, owned in fee by the state for trunk highway purposes but no longer needed therefor. Such lands shall be offered for reconveyance by the commissioner of highways to the person, or his surviving spouse, from whom the lands were originally acquired upon his repayment to the state of not less than the amount of money paid to him by the state for the acquisition thereof. Whenever less property than originally acquired is to be offered for reconveyance, the amount of money so to be repaid to the state shall not be a less proportion of the consideration paid therefor by the state than the proportion of the part so to be reconveyed bears to the entire property as originally acquired. The offer shall be made by registered mail addressed to said party at the last known address. Said party shall have 60 days from the date of mailing said offer to accept and to tender to the commissioner of highways the required amount of money. When such lands have been offered for reconveyance to the said party and the offer is not accepted and the amount required to be paid tendered to the commissioner of highways within the time prescribed, the lands may be sold and conveyed to the highest responsible bidder upon such public notice as the commissioner of highways may deem proper; but any and all bids